

Postal Service recently announced it would be closing this office, along with 19 other contract postal units.

Why?

Because these contract post offices are not hiring enough union workers or are, allegedly, taking union jobs away from the main branches. In other words, even though the United States Postal Service was \$8.5 billion in the hole in 2010 and even though the owner of the South Temple Post Office sends a check of \$1 million every year to the postal service under their contract, they have decided to close it because of union dispute.

This is just plain wrong. My constituents should have a choice of what post office they want to use and to use the one that serves them the best. If the privately owned contract office is performing better, they should be able to use that privately owned contract office.

Rest assured, I will fight this nonsense and try to get this post office kept open.

THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF CRASH OF FLIGHT 3407

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague Congresswoman KATHY HOCHUL, to recognize the upcoming third anniversary of the tragic crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407 in my western New York community.

This tragedy, unfortunately, was preventable. The National Transportation Safety Board found that the chief cause of the crash was pilot error. In August of 2010, President Obama signed into law aviation safety legislation, which, among other things, required the Federal Aviation Administration to update flight and duty time rules and to set minimum rest requirements for pilots.

As the families know too well, the passage of time never really heals the tragic memory of that day, but they persevered. They became a true citizen army for aviation safety and achieved the most comprehensive aviation reform in 50 years. In their efforts, they were guided by their faith and by the light of those they loved and lost.

We recognize their extraordinary efforts on behalf of the western New York community, of the flying public, and of a grateful Nation.

CONGRATULATING THE WORLD CHAMPION NEW YORK GIANTS

(Mr. TURNER of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TURNER of New York. Mr. Speaker and my fellow colleagues, it is a distinct pleasure to stand before you right now, not only as a Representative but as a fan. I would like to take a few moments and acknowledge the New

York Giants for defeating the New England Patriots on Sunday night, 21-17, in Super Bowl XLVI.

Some believed them to be underdogs, but our beloved G-Men didn't let people's lack of faith or doubt distract them from their end goal. Instead, they showed New York's resilience by fighting back to regain the lead in the fourth quarter, earning their second Super Bowl title in the last 5 years and their fourth Super Bowl title overall. The Giants have won eight world championships and rank as one of the most successful football franchises of all time.

As Giants' head coach Tom Coughlin said after the game: All things are possible for those who believe, and these guys believed, and they came together and trusted each other and believed in one another.

I think this is a terrific message for everyone to think about, especially those of us holding the distinct honor of being Members of the House of Representatives. There is still a great deal of work to be done on behalf of the American people. We must come together for a joint purpose. We must give our constituents a reason to believe we can work together on their behalf. Just as the members of the Giants team played hard for the people of New York, we must work hard for our constituents.

Again, I would like to congratulate the New York Giants, Head Coach Tom Coughlin, Super Bowl XLVI MVP Eli Manning, and all the great fans in New York.

FOUR-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE IMPERIAL SUGAR PLANT EXPLOSION

(Mr. BARROW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARROW. Mr. Speaker, this day marks a sad anniversary for many of the folks I represent. Four years ago today, a combustible dust explosion destroyed the Imperial Sugar plant in Port Wentworth, Georgia, killing 14 people and injuring more than 40 others.

The sad truth is that this explosion didn't have to happen. Experts have known about the dangers of combustible dust for decades, and experts have developed industry standards that can prevent combustible dust explosions and fires. Unfortunately, these commonsense practices have not become the national standard despite preventable explosions and fires in Georgia and throughout America before and since.

Today, on the fourth anniversary of this tragedy, I ask my colleagues to support H.R. 522, the Worker Protection Against Combustible Dust Explosions and Fires Act of 2011, introduced by Mr. MILLER of California. This law would require the Secretary of Labor to promulgate standards for regulating combustible dust.

We shouldn't wait until another disaster strikes. We owe it to the dead and the wounded to take action today so that disasters like the Imperial Sugar Plant explosion will never happen again.

OBAMACARE STRIKES AT THE CORE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

(Mr. ROONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about an issue that's deeply important to me, not as a Republican or Democrat, but as a Catholic American.

President Obama's Department of Health and Human Services announced it will require religious institutions like Catholic schools, Catholic hospitals, and Catholic charities to cover services that violate their core beliefs, like contraception, sterilization, and the morning-after pill. Catholic schools like Notre Dame will be forced to pay millions in penalties if they don't comply with the Federal Government mandate.

Now, this is about much more than just contraception. This is about Catholic schools and Catholic hospitals having to sacrifice conscience to comply with ObamaCare.

I believe that this is a clear violation of the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment of the Constitution. What's worse, I believe that this is a move by the Obama administration to establish secularism over religion. That would strike at the core of religious liberty of the Constitution and who we are as Americans. It's just one more reason why ObamaCare is bad law and needs to be repealed.

AN ILLUSORY PLAN TO FUND TRANSIT AT CURRENT LEVELS

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Ronald Reagan signed legislation that funded transit out of the highway trust fund. The new Republican majority is going to end transit's eligibility for highway trust fund dollars—but they've created an alternative transportation account that will be paid for out of the general fund. The only problem is that paying for transit at current levels under an alternative scenario would blow another \$40 billion hole in the budget.

But they have a plan.

They're going to require Federal employees to pay 6 percent of their salaries into a trust fund. That's about \$40 billion over 5 years. But they're not taxing Federal employees to pay for transit—don't worry about that—because that money can't be spent on transit. It will make it look like they're not spending more money. In reality, they will borrow \$40 billion to